

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES February 13, 2018

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF MCHENRY S.S.
TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES,
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Supervisor Adams called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 6:13 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Anderson here, Cunningham here, Adams here, Rakestraw here, Wojewski here. Also attending the meeting was Road Commissioner Condon, Assessor Mahady, Attorney Militello and 96 Public. Clerk Aylward absent. Public 96

Public Comment

Judith Gotlieb – 2814 Regner Rd. McHenry - Stated she was looking for financial proof of savings.

Robert Beltran - 2814 Regner Rd. McHenry – Stated that consolidation/elimination is premature, wants a study to show the consequence.

Kathy Martin – 4817 Joyce Ln. McHenry – Stated that she is shocked that the board is even considering the consolidation/elimination of the Road District without any information.

Michael Freund – 739 Big Sky Trl. Cary – Stated that the Township is smallest percentage of the tax bill. Upset with the board stating they have no oversight when it is clearly stated on the McHenry Township website, that they are responsible for the levies, budgets and approval of bills etc.

Joe Maney – 5125 W. Lakeshore Dr. Wonder Lake, IL – President of Wonder Woods Association. Concerned about transfer of power and experience, service and this is a risky matter and not enough information to make a decision.

Carol Perschke – 5114 N Westwood, McHenry – Stated looking for details before action, have an independent study then bring it the voters. Is this just a way to say you eliminated a level of government just to say you did it without knowing whether it will increase or decrease taxes for the voters.

Brittney Vick – 5208 W. Orchard Dr. McHenry – Stated that a task force on consolidation was done and was not able to show a tax savings. Stated that the board ask for time to make a decision on their board meeting and she asked that the voters get the same time to see the proof of savings.

Stan Mill – 1317 Palomino McHenry – Stated no one can tell us the cost, who will take over the maintenance of the roads. The quality of service reduced. Safe routes for emergency vehicles. Cost of service highest at state, county then township level per Wall Street Journal. The township is a good value of my tax dollars. Over 75 percent of my tax bill belongs to the schools.

Larry Mullahy 7312 Parkwood Dr. Wonder Lake – stated he is a resident for over 20 yrs, works in government risk, consider the liability of what you are considering. Naperville has poor maintenance, we are not self-insured. Who is going to liable, look at the future.

Roger Gerstad 5522 W. Lakeshore Dr. Wonder Lake – Look in the mirror and see what we are doing, McHenry Township has the best roads, to eliminate a position to save some money or services without information why make the change.

John Macrito 1733 Pine St. McHenry – Stated as a former Precinct committeeman he tried to represent the people. I feel this board is failing to represent the people and have their own agenda. Let's do the study make sure it saves money and move on.

Erik Siverstsen 5402 W. Flanders McHenry – Stated he supported the board at election time due to lack of transparency, now he feels they are doing the same things and does not support the board, believes they promised the contract to someone. Show a plan take your time of what they are going to do before going forward with a vote, concerned there is a brokered deal.

Mark Justen 313 N Green St. McHenry – Get a plan, go to NIU. Get the plan first and I will vote.

Steve Kroll 5912 Giant Oaks Wonder Lake – State that the majority of people here either work for or indirectly connected to McHenry Township. Consolidation works 100 percent, we need to save taxes once we do it here. I understand the school is the majority of the tax bill, we can work on the rest of the tax bill next so we all can stay in our home and live here and be neighbors.

John Shiel 4707 Winnebago Dr. Wonder Lake – Stated he is for consolidation even with the uncertainty. He is for consolidation for accountability and probable savings. This is a modest proposal to consolidated not eliminate two units of government into one.

Andy Glab 5001 Oakwood Dr. McHenry – I have been a precinct Committeeman and City alderman for many years. You are not doing any justice to the voters without doing a study or some sort of planning. The voters are willing to wait to make a decision with information given to them. Do your homework, discuss a game plan and the issues. I consider what is being done without this a political move. You need to serve the average resident.

Mark Glasgo 411 Mineral Springs McHenry – Stated why elimination would be a disaster. This is a small portion of my tax bill, small price to pay to keep the services. Why the rush, what will be saved, I don't like being uninformed. I need to know the downside. It's your job to provide this information before putting on the ballot so the voters can make a decision.

Darius Draper 7125 Barnard Mill Rd Wonder Lake – Stated he supports the abolishment of townships. It will save everyone money by lower bids on work. I might also be able to afford to buy a home.

Lee Jennings 730 Area McHenry – Stated that he is the Supervisor at Nunda Township and have given this a lot of thought. Are you the board prepared to be available to make a decision at any time and are you prepared to make those decisions? Why in the world would you not do a cost analysis?

Ned Newmann 308 Country Club Dr. McHenry – I live in the unincorporated area of 60 homes, we were cheated out of taxes, for 45 years I tried to get it accepted, 3 years ago , one person made the decision to accept. My reason for consolidation is to have the decisions made by the board, I believe this would not have happed if the decision was made by the board. This resolution gives the voter 9 months to assess, study and vet. This is not abolishing the township it is merging into one board.

Jim Condon 4823 Loyola Dr. McHenry – Stated we have a tax nightmare I agree, let's make intelligent adjustments we won't know till we have information. The levies are still the same a Township levy and Road Levy those money's are still used for the Roads the Township board would assume the tax authority. The Board is not doing their homework, as they do their homework they will agree 80 percent of the time and I will listen and do what I can.

New Business

- A) Review of Resolution No 13-0218-Resolution to Place Question on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot Regarding Abolishing The McHenry Township Road District. Discussion, Possible Action.

Motion to approve by Trustee Rakestraw second by Trustee Cunningham

Discussion Ensued – Highway Commissioner Condon asked if Mr. Rakestraw could tell the voters why he changed his mind. Mr. Rakestraw responded that the motion Mr. Anderson proposed was different then what he proposed. Supervisor Adams let Mr. Rakestraw know that the resolution is the same as what Mr. Anderson had proposed. They disagreed. Trustee Wojewski asked that referendum be read so that the voters knew exactly what they are voting on. Mr. Adams read the resolution question as it will be stated on the ballot by law.

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Adams nay, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski nay

Three aye's, Two Nay's Motion carries

Old Business

None

Executive Session (if necessary)

None

Board Member Comment

Trustee Cunningham wanted to ask Mr. Gerstad why all his new developments are in Williams Bay. No response

Public Comment

Ned Newmann – I like to address why did Mr. Rakestraw change his vote as I understood the motion previous that the power was given to the supervisor one person, this resolution gives it to the board. Mr. Adams responded that we can go back and look at the record the motion is exactly the same.

Gary Barla – 2012 Stillings Dr McHenry – I just want to make it clear it's abolish, you can never get it back. You need to understand what you are doing.

Carol Perschke 5114 N Westwood Dr. McHenry – What are you are going to advertise, lets save taxpayers money, let's abolish the Township. We don't know what you might be able to save taxpayer's, you don't know the cost. We need to be informed.

Andy Glab – I don't think this board understand what happens if this referendum passes. Have you looked at the state statues? The finances go to the board. What you did tonight is totally irresponsible. I will do everything I can to make sure this referendum fails.

Robert Beltran 2814 Regner Rd. McHenry – We need to look at the dollars involved. Your board now will have a fatter budget to manipulate. The other is when you have a hammer and nail you can build something when you have a wrecking ball you have nothing built.

I ask that you as the board ask the public for input, come up with a plan and see if they would support it. This needs to be done at a public meetings.

Scott Wiseberg – I am the Highway Commissioner of Wauconda Township. When I discussed this with Mr. Condon he was on board with some type of consolidation if we could prove the savings. I question Mr. Anderson's motives, I look forward to bidding on doing the work because the county, villages can't do it. I can't believe how spineless this board is, this would never happen in my township and it never will.

Steve Kroll– I just want to say thank you to the board for giving the people the choice, who pay your salaries the choice instead of someone else.

Dennis Biehl – Thank you Road District for the awesome job. I am a township employee of another township. You were all elected by a person like me, you are all embarrassing. You are not looking at the numbers. I bought when the market was high. I see where my taxes go, a 13.00 decrease is unreasonable when all of my services walk away. Very Foolish. I look forward to taking care of your roads as we do impeccable service like the McHenry Road District.

Motion to Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:25pm. By Trustee Anderson, second by Trustee Wojewski

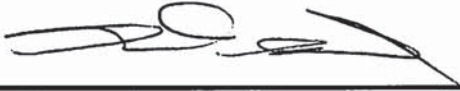
All in favor signal by aye.

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Adams aye.

All aye's motion carriers

Next meetings:

February 26, 2018 @ 8:30am – Budget Workshop Meeting



Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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